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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7609**  
Masayuki TAKAHASHI : Docket No. 2000-1416A  
Serial No. 09/673,518 : Group Art Unit 2161  
Filed December 6, 2000 : Examiner Etienne P. Leroux  
  
DIGITAL DATA RECORDING/ : **Mail Stop Amendment**  
REPRODUCTION METHOD, AND DIGITAL  
DATA RECORDING/REPRODUCTION  
APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.